



## Mid-Level Management Development Program Class of 2008

---



### **Colleen Bathe**

Chief of Interpretation and Cultural Resources  
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks  
Pacific West Region

559-565-3130

[colleen\\_bathe@nps.gov](mailto:colleen_bathe@nps.gov)

Colleen Bathe is a 23-year veteran of the National Park Service. She began her career as a Volunteer-In-Parks intern at Alcatraz Island. From there she moved to Scotty's Castle in Death Valley National Monument/Park as a seasonal park technician. Colleen worked at Scotty's Castle for 18 years, eventually serving as the District Interpreter position. In 2004 she was selected as the Chief of Interpretation at Bryce Canyon National Park and in 2007 she was selected the Chief of Interpretation and Cultural Resources at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

---



### **Charles Beall**

Chief of Interpretation and Education  
North Cascades National Park  
Pacific West Region

360-854-7302

[charles\\_beall@nps.gov](mailto:charles_beall@nps.gov)

Charles Beall joined the National Park Service in 1996 as an Interpretive Park Ranger on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. While there, he earned a Master's Degree in Environmental Management intending on a career in Resource Management. However, the rewards from helping visitors explore the meaning and significance of park resources proved too great and he has remained in the field of Interpretation, serving as the Education Specialist for Badlands National Park and as the Skagit District Interpreter for North Cascades National Park. He was promoted to Chief of Interpretation and Education in 2007.

---

**Cathy Beeler**

Chief, Resource Education & Visitor Services  
Monocacy National Battlefield  
National Capital Region  
301-662-3515  
cathy\_beeler@nps.gov

Cathy grew up in Sharpsburg, Maryland, next to Antietam National Battlefield. While attending college, she served as a seasonal park technician at the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park as well as Antietam National Battlefield. In 1988, she accepted a permanent position at Antietam as a clerk-typist. In 1991, she accepted a position at Monocacy National Battlefield as the park's first interpretive ranger. She now serves as Monocacy's Chief of Resource Education and Visitor Services.

**Zach Bolitho**

Natural Resource Specialist  
Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site  
Northeast Region  
717-334-3777 Ext. 17  
zachary\_bolitho@nps.gov

Zach Bolitho is the Natural Resource Specialist at Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site. Prior to joining the National Park Service volunteered for the parks through SCA and spent two years abroad with United States Peace Corps in Solomon Islands, South Pacific.

---

**Tyrone Brandyburg**

Superintendent

Moores Creek National Battlefield

Southeast Region

910-283-5591

tyrone\_brandyburg@nps.gov

Tyrone Brandyburg, is a 23-year veteran of the National Park Service. While attending South Carolina State, Tyrone began his NPS career as a co-op student at Fort Sumter National Monument. After college graduation, he accepted a position as the Lead Interpretive Ranger and Museum Specialist at Tuskegee Institute NHS. After five years, he was promoted to the position of Chief Ranger at Booker T. Washington NM. Tyrone later transferred to Brown v. Board of Education NHS as chief of interpretation, and then spent two years as District Interpretive Ranger at Great Smoky Mountains NP before returning to Tuskegee as Chief of Interpretation. In 2007, Tyrone accepted the position of Superintendent at Moores Creek National Battlefield.

**Alison Bullock**

Community Planner

Chattanooga, TN

Southeast Region

423-266-2359

alison\_bullock@nps.gov

Alison Bullock has served as a Community Planner for the Chattanooga Field Office of the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) since 2000. Prior to her career with NPS, Alison worked for the State of Tennessee as a Recreation Planner and Greenways & Trails Coordinator from 1995-2000, and the University of Tennessee as a Research Assistant from 1992-1995. In 2004, Alison was honored to be named the National Park Service's recipient of the American Recreation Coalition's Legends Award.

---

**Robyn Burch**

Administrative Officer  
Gates of the Arctic/Yukon-Charley Rivers  
Alaska Region  
907-455-0612  
robyn\_burch@nps.gov

Robyn Burch is a 22-year veteran of the National Park Service. She began her career by working nine seasons as an Interpretive Ranger and one season as a dispatcher before accepting a position as a Personnel Clerk at Denali National Park. After thirteen years of working in personnel at Denali and Bryce Canyon National Park, she accepted the position of Administrative Officer at Gates of the Arctic and Yukon-Charley Rivers, where she also services the Alaska Public Lands Information Office in Fairbanks and two Inventory & Monitoring Networks.

**Dan Foster**

Chief of Resource Management  
Wind Cave National Park  
Midwest Region  
605-745-1190  
dan\_foster@nps.gov

Dan Foster is a 16-year veteran of the National Park Service. After working 11 years for the State of Utah as a geologist and wildlife biologist, Dan began his NPS career as a Resource Management/Geographic Information System Specialist at Bryce Canyon National Park in 1992. In 1996, he moved to Nez Perce National Historical Park as the Chief of Resource Management. In 1999, he was awarded the Director's Award for Natural Resource Management in a Small Park. He has served as the Chief of Resource Management at Wind Cave National Park since 2002. In addition, he has served as Acting Superintendent at Nez Perce National Historical Park, Grant Kohrs National Historical Site, and Wind Cave National Park for a total of 11 months.

---



**Jim Ireland**  
Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services and Chief Ranger  
Kenai Fjords National Park  
Alaska Region  
907-224-7520  
[jim\\_ireland@nps.gov](mailto:jim_ireland@nps.gov)

Jim Ireland currently serves as the Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services and Chief Ranger of Kenai Fjords National Park, where he has been for ten years. Jim is entering his 25th year with the National Park Service, having started out as a Park Aid at Petrified Forest National Park in 1983. Subsequent assignments included Mesa Verde National Park, Sequoia and King Canyon National Parks, Yosemite National Park, Natural Bridges National Monument, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial and Amistad National Recreation Area. Jim is a previous regional Harry Yount award recipient in Alaska. As an interpretive manager, he currently chairs the Alaska region's Education Advisory Group.



**Mary Mallen**  
Interpretive Planner/Park  
Ranger  
Harpers Ferry Center  
Washington Office  
304-535-6101  
[mary\\_mallen@nps.gov](mailto:mary_mallen@nps.gov)

Mary Mallen is a 30-year veteran of the National Park Service. Mary worked on the George Washington Memorial Parkway for twenty-four years as a seasonal Park Technician, Field Ranger, Supervisory Park Ranger, District Ranger, Program Manager for Interpretation, Education and Visitor Services/Chief of Interpretation, and as Site Manager of Arlington House. For the past six years she has served as an Interpretive Planner at Harpers Ferry Center where she assists parks throughout the Service with their Long-Range Interpretive planning efforts.

---



**Jennifer Pederson Weinberger**  
Chief of Resource Management  
Hopewell Culture National Historical Park  
Midwest Region  
740-774-1126  
jennifer\_pederson@nps.gov

Jennifer Pederson Weinberger began her National Park Service career in the mid-1990s as a seasonal Archeological Technician at Hopewell Culture National Historical Park. After a short stint as a college instructor, Jennifer returned to Hopewell Culture as the Archeologist in 1999. She served as Division Chief of Cultural Resources and of Interpretation and is currently Chief of Resource Management. She was a conference organizer of the 10th Annual Woodland Conference (2000) and an instructor for the three National Park Service Geophysics Workshops.

---



**Brian Slate**  
Roads, Trails & Grounds Supervisor  
Manassas National Battlefield Park  
National Capitol Region  
703-361-7376  
brian\_slate@nps.gov

Brian Slate is a 12-year veteran of the National Park Service. After an honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Slate began working in the private sector in the construction industry. Brian began his career in the National Park Service in 1996 at Rock Creek National Park in Washington, DC as an arborist, but also served as an agricultural/automotive mechanic, welder, and machinist/metal crafter. In 2001 he accepted the position of Sanitation/Grounds Crew Supervisor with the George Washington Memorial Parkway. In 2004 Mr. Slate accepted the position of roads, trails and grounds supervisor at Manassas National Battlefield Park.

---



**Christine Smith**

Deputy Chief, Interpretation and Education  
Thomas Stone NHS and George Washington Birthplace NM  
Northeast Region  
301-392-1776  
christine\_smith@nps.gov

Christine Smith, a 16 year veteran of the National Park Service, began her career as a seasonal fee collector at Shenandoah National Park. Smith continued to work as a seasonal employee spending 5 winters at Everglades National Park as a fee collector, interpreter and education specialist; while spending summers as an interpretive ranger at Mammoth Cave and Bryce Canyon National Parks. She spent a short time working at Hoover Dam, with the Bureau of Reclamation, as a “dam” guide before returning as a permanent employee to the National Park Service. Smith worked as an interpreter at Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, before transferring to Yellowstone National Park. Presently, Smith is the new Deputy Chief of Interpretation and Education for Thomas Stone National Historic Site and George Washington Birthplace National Monument.

**Lee Taylor**

Chief of Interpretation and Education  
Mount Rainier National Park  
Pacific West Region  
360-569-2211 Ext. 3303  
lee\_taylor@nps.gov

Lee Taylor has served as a field interpreter and interpretive supervisor in a wide variety of parks. After six summers as a seasonal at Yosemite, Katmai and Sequoia/Kings Canyon, she served as interpretive lead at Craters of the Moon from 1991-95 and Assistant Chief of Interpretation at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site 1996-1998. In 1998 she moved to Shenandoah National Park where she served as the Education Program Manager and moved to Mount Ranier National Park as West District Interpreter in 2001. In January of 2008, she was promoted to Chief of Interpretation and Education at Mount Ranier National Park.

---



**Lawrence (Larry) Turk**

Facility Manager  
Padre Island National Seashore  
Intermountain Region  
361-949-8173 Ext. 240  
larry\_turk@nps.gov

Lawrence (Larry) Turk served in the United States Army from 1988 – 1991. During this time, he served during the Panama invasion (Operation Just Cause) and Operation Desert Storm. Larry began his career with the National Park Service in the late 1999 as a Maintenance Worker at Hovenweep National Monument. He served in that position until 2001 and then as a Work Supervisor at both Hovenweep and Natural Bridges National Monuments. In 2002, he was selected the Facility Manager at both parks and served until 2007. He was selected as the Facility Manager at Padre Island National Seashore in 2007. Larry also served as Acting Superintendent at Tumacácori National Historic Site for three months in 2007.

---